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Carpet-Bagging in Massachusetts.

Ex-Governor Harriman, of New Hampshire, having been nominated by President Grant to the Boston Naval Office, a most lucrative position, causes the Boston Radical papers to utter an indignant howl at such disgraceful carpet-bagging. The *Evening Transcript*, especially, is exceedingly angry that this man, whose election in New Hampshire "was secured by the aid of funds contributed by Boston Radicals" (a statement denied with virtuous indignation when charged at the time by Democratic papers) should carpet-bag down to Boston to get an office which belongs to some Bostonian. "It discloses," says the *Transcript*, "the essential meanness and greediness of the small class of New Hampshire politicians to which he belongs."

The New York *World*, in noticing this tempest in a teapot says, "All this because one poor carpet-bagger bags from an adjacent State into Massachusetts! Nothing is said about the thousands of needy and scoundrelly adventurers who have swarmed from Massachusetts, like so many lice, upon the South, and who went there only to bag what plunder, in the way of offices and spoils, could be picked up. But it seems that carpet-bagging, which is deemed a good thing at the South, is a bad thing in Massachusetts."

The Bench and Bar.

We publish this morning a strong denunciation of the "late public demonstrations of political partisanship by the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State," by the bar of North Carolina. It has been signed several months, and some of those who thus desired to recall the judiciary to the high standard which it occupied in former times, have already passed from the scene of action. This delay was occasioned by the excitement of the times. The bar desired that the paper should have no party aspect, and its publication was postponed until after all the elections. It is now given as a free will offering of every lover of the State.

This solemn paper, coming from more than one hundred members of the North Carolina bar, is singularly appropriate at the present time. If unavailing to reclaim the character of our Judiciary, it is a manly and timely protest against the evil practices which must destroy its usefulness and damn its name. It was a just and beautiful thought, to borrow the idea of a venerable and distinguished member of the Wilmington bar upon a late public occasion, which gave to the Judiciary as its characteristic emblem, the name of that exquisitely delicate animal whose snowy coat cannot be soiled without producing death. The *Ermine* dies if its spotless robe be once contaminated, and so the slightest contact with aught unclean, is fatal to the Judge. It has been the proud boast of North Carolinians that no spot had stained the judicial orb of the State, but that it had fallen upon successive shoulders, pure and stainless. Our Judiciary has been our chief pride—far removed from all corrupting influences. Living in an atmosphere high above the disturbing currents of fear or favor, it has heretofore looked down with calm and untroubled serenity on the conflicts of parties, individuals and sects—the passionate embodiment of Justice, TAYLOR, HALL, CAMERON, HENDERSON, MURPHY, NORWOOD, CALDWELL, DANIEL, TOOMBS, GATSON, NASH—we speak only of the dead—no abler or purer men have been vouchsafed by Heaven to the people of any State or country. If in the language of Chief Justice MARSHALL, "Heaven has no punishment for a sinning people so great as a corrupt, because a dependent, judiciary," so there is no blessing like a pure and upright, because an independent judiciary.

Such has been the bench of North Carolina. When the bar witnesses the judges forgetting their own duties and the proud history of their predecessors, and entering the political arena, it is well that they sound the note of alarm, and interpose their influence to awaken in the minds of the judges a due sense of the dangers to public liberty, the sacrifice of their own and their State's reputation, and the prostration of the high and honorable stations which they occupy. We thank these gentlemen, in behalf of the people of the State, for their manly and timely warning.

Southern Recuperation.

Congress has done its utmost to retard Southern recuperation. Bad laws and worse officers have been forced upon us to our material and social injury. Confusion and anarchy have spent their fury, and Southern energy and enterprise have been partially eclipsed, but are fast passing from under the cloud. The advantages which the South holds out to the settler and capitalist; the peaceful character of its citizens; their regard for and obedience to the laws; their determination to rise superior to the passions and persecutions of the hour, are slowly but surely working out the problem of Southern recuperation. Immigration to the South is beginning to be seriously agitated at the North, finding no limit by the boundaries, political or social, that ordinarily circumscribe other questions which agitate the public mind.

We publish elsewhere an article from the Providence (R. I.) *Journal*, which shows that the Northern people are beginning to be told facts in regard to our section which they ought to know, and which have not heretofore been presented to them in channels which could either reach their eyes or touch their hearts. This paper is owned and edited by Senator ANTHONY, and however much it may differ from his colleague, Senator SPRAGUE, the first teaches in theory what the latter puts in practice. The inducements which the South holds out to the Northern settler Senator ANTHONY admits in words and Senator SPRAGUE in works. Both facts go far to demonstrate that the advantages which the South offers for actual settlers and for the investment of capital

are becoming known and acknowledged in quarters which formerly were disposed not to admit them.

Our people should not fail to press, systematically and judiciously, this advantage. Many thousands of the best people of the North have visited our section during the past winter, and in most instances their travels were for other objects than those of pleasure and health. We trust and believe that most were delighted with the people and country, and that not a few will return for the purpose of investment. We must not be idle in the meantime. There will surely be a great influx of capital and settlers into the South from the North next Fall. We must not be behind other portions of the country. We must speak out, and not lose advantages by delay. No effort to make known the inducements which our immediate section hold out should be spared. If we do not direct attention to them we certainly cannot expect others to do so for us. If we fall behind in the race of recuperation, and for wealth, the fault will be in ourselves, for Nature has been most lavish in her favors. "Tis in ourselves that we are thus, or thus."

The Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad.—Tribute of Respect.

We are permitted to make the following extract from the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad in regard to the death of C. C. Henderson, of Lincoln county, a member of the Board.

We learn that Mr. B. H. Sumner, of Lincoln, was unanimously elected Director in place of Mr. Henderson:

The following tribute to a departed member is unanimously adopted, and ordered to be recorded in the Journal:

The vacant seat of our Board admonishes us that the Angel of Death has been in our midst, since we were last assembled. Charles Coleman Henderson, the Director for Lincoln county, has been summoned to another sphere, and in this critical juncture the benefit of his counsel is denied us. This loss, not only to his surviving associates, but to the Company itself, must be lamented and deplored. In its inception he proved himself a man of rare and sterling qualities, and his devotedness to the Company was a constant and shining example to all. His untiring devotion won the affections of all his collaborators, and they craved and longed for his presence, his sterling worth, by annually selecting him as one of the stewards of their interests. Always present at the meetings of the Board, he was a valuable member in council by his foresight and experience, his manly firmness and moral independence. But it is not this Company only, but the community must also feel his loss. His influence and example, his practical energy, his encouraging voice and sound advice will be sorely missed by those with whom he lived and labored. In all his varied relations with his fellowmen he has acquired their profound respect and enjoyed their unbounded confidence. His life was a noble and useful one, and his death a great loss to the Company, the community, and the State.

In domestic life he lived a tender and devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father, and a kind affectionate brother. We can but condole with the afflicted members of his family, and do hereby, in their behalf, tender to them our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That the President transmit a copy of this record to the family of the deceased, and cause the same to be published in the papers of the State.

Annexation of Canada.

The Boston *Post* says: "The whisper that we catch about trading off the Alabama claims for Canada carries much plausibility with it, and there are not a few who would be satisfied with an exchange of such a character. But we should hope, hereby, in their interest, to warn them of our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. Resolved, That the President transmit a copy of this record to the family of the deceased, and cause the same to be published in the papers of the State."

The statement is made, says the *Albany Journal*, that General Prim will come out to Cuba as Captain-General. Caballero de Roda, who had been named in this connection, remaining in Spain to take care of the Carlists, and those who organized resistance to conscription. The statement is singular, and will not readily be accepted as true. Prim now occupies, as a member of the Directory, one of the highest positions in Spain. He takes a leading and conspicuous part in all measures looking to the establishment of a Constitutional monarchy. It was he who was chiefly instrumental in precipitating revolution, and who has been credited with most of the measures since adopted by the Ministry. In withdrawing to Cuba, he would take a subordinate place and one separating him from the controversies and struggles attending the new development. A willingness to do so could have only one explanation. He has discovered, perhaps, that opposition to the liberal movement is a mistake, that the people will not be satisfied to receive one form of monarchy, in exchange for another, no worse; that the attempt to establish the new regime will be attended with fearful struggles, bloodshed, and possible overthrow of all who are prominent in making it. Such considerations might lead him to desire absence from the theatre of strife. If Prim becomes Captain General of Cuba, the political world will take it as a confession that the plans of the Ministry are likely to end in disaster.

California.

The New York *Herold* says that people often exclaim with pride, New York is a great State, Ohio is a great State, and so on; but none of the citizens of our republic have cause to speak as exultingly in this way as the Californians. California is truly a great, a wonderful State, if we look at her surprising growth and astonishing productions. We were led to make this remark by noticing the news from San Francisco about the export of wheat and flour from that port. There are sixty-six vessels now en route to Great Britain from San Francisco with cargoes aggregating one million seven hundred thousand sacks of wheat, besides eight vessels for domestic Atlantic ports with a hundred and sixty-five thousand sacks, and ten vessels for Rio Janeiro with fifty-one thousand barrels of flour. The California wheat and flour

now afloat for China and other countries is valued at four million of dollars. This is the country that twenty years ago was a barren waste, and that twenty years ago when it began to be settled by mining adventurers, was regarded as being unfit for agriculture and only valuable for its minerals. It has within this short period become not only a great exporting country for grain and flour, but it furnishes the best in the markets of the world and obtains the highest price. All this, too, in addition to its vast production of the precious metals, wool and other articles. Nearly all the vegetable productions of the temperate zone, and even some of those that are semi-tropical, are grown there larger, finer in quality and more abundantly than in many of the most favored countries on the globe. There is a population now of not less, perhaps, than four to five hundred thousand, and San Francisco has grown within twenty years from a small village to be a princely city with over a hundred thousand inhabitants. Almost every climate is embraced within the limits of the State, and nowhere can one be found more healthful, agreeable or invigorating. But astonishing as the growth of California has been, its future must be more so. With the completion of the Pacific railroad and the rapidly developing trade and intercourse with China, Japan and Asia generally, we may confidently expect a growth in population, commerce and wealth that will far exceed anything known in the history of the world. The Golden Gate, as the entrance to the harbor of San Francisco is appropriately and beautifully called, will be the entrance for the teeming millions of Chinese and other Asiatics, and of a stupendous commerce. San Francisco will be, on the Pacific side of the Continent, what New York is on this, and will become at no distant day the second city of America. Indeed, it would be difficult to conjecture what the future of that city or of that wonderful country will be. The people there may well say California is a great State and be proud of it.

In Transit.

We direct attention to the interesting letter of our ubiquitous correspondent this morning. It has been his aim in his travels to direct public attention to North Carolina enterprises. His description of the works of the Rock Island Woolen Mills gives our people some conception of the extent of that undertaking, and we hope will be the means of introducing their goods into more general use in this section.

County Agricultural Societies.

We are glad to know that some interest is manifested in the question of forming and sustaining Agricultural Societies in several of the counties in this section of the State. We believe that New Hanover was the pioneer in this matter, and we are pleased to state that the County Society is in a flourishing condition. It has been chartered by the Legislature, and it is sustained by wide awake and live farmers. Much has already been accomplished by this Society, for from it grew the idea of establishing a District Society, which has already culminated in the foundation and incorporation of an Association which is destined to have a wholesome influence upon agriculture in this section.

What has been done by the New Hanover Society is only the beginning of what will be accomplished when other county organizations have been formed, and their strength is united in a common association, bringing together all who are directly or indirectly interested in the industrial pursuits of our section.

In view of the certainty of the permanent establishment of the Cape Fear Agricultural Association, and the annual recurrence of their Fairs, we would urge upon the citizens of every county within the scope of its territory to form County Societies at once, the better to enable each county to be properly represented in the meetings of the Association, and to compete with its neighbors in the articles for exhibition. It will not do to rely upon individual enterprise. There must be associated efforts. County pride must be stimulated, or it must expect to be distanced in the generous rivalry which these exhibitions will engender. We hope our citizens will not lose sight of the importance of home organizations, or suppose their necessity is done away with by the formation of a general association.

Seeds of Discard.

The *Standard*, in replying to a statement of a correspondent of the New York *Times* that there was a division in the Republican party in this State, quotes the trite saying, "One has to go from home to hear news." Yet the next article but one in the same paper informs the public that Mr. Bowman, of Mitchell, has received a testimonial signed by twenty-one members of the Legislature, and by Mr. Pon, and Mr. McDonald, expressing their appreciation of his course concerning the school bill. Mr. Bowman's successful opposition to the party effort to permit mixed schools and to provide a fat job for certain members of the carpet-bag wing in publishing "loyal" school books, was very offensive to French, Estes, Downing and others of that stripe. French, Hayes, and others of the carpet-bag wing denounced as weak-kneed the native members of their party, and announced their political death.

But the fact of the testimonial shows what feeling had been created and to what extent Mr. Bowman's course had been endorsed. Any attempt to disguise the patent fact that there is a division in the ranks of the Radical party in North Carolina is ridiculous and dishonest. Not only do the two wings differ greatly as to measures, but the most watchful jealousy exists in regard to the division of spoils. The native Radicals, alarmed at the influence of their Northern friends over their Governor, and the success which attended their aspirations for office, commenced with complaints, then with united efforts to check this growing power of the carpet-bagger. From a leader in the Legislature and the conscience keeper of the Governor, the Northern Radical has lost his wonted influence, and already there are none to do

him reverence. A short time in the Senate, a disgraceful and temporary trace in the Judiciary, his course will soon be run. Heaton and Dewees must give way to the negro, and thus will end the official connection of the carpet-bagger with the higher positions in North Carolina. We are not prepared to say that the State will be benefited by the change, but we speak only of the certain tendency of affairs. We would possibly sympathize with that wing which Holden opposed, as we can hardly believe his friendship and support could be obtained by any honest or honorable consideration.

Six or seven Railroad Presidents have already been elected or appointed directly under the control of the Governor, and every one of them were of the native wing of the party. In one instance, at least, the congregation have spoken out in church. The Cumberland Radicals have denounced the election of A. J. Jones as President of the Western Railroad, and threaten direful consequences. This will doubtless be followed by the election of Sloan (how suggestive these two names are to be sure) as President of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad, and then the lines will be drawn.

All the Federal offices of any moment have been conferred upon sealaws, and others doubtless will be. We are inclined to believe that the carpet bagger will soon regret his liberality in having the disabilities of some of these ambitious men removed. He may be persuaded after awhile that other motives than "loyalty" moved them to ask Congress for their healing clemency.

Well, we are not much interested in their squabble. We do not see how North Carolina is to gain by the success of one or the other of these factions. They are all bad enough. Individuals there may be among both who will not steal, and we hope that honest men will have the handling of public money. Farther than this we cannot go nor do we care.

THE RATE CASE.—The investigation of the case of Wm. B. Rogers, charged with committing a rape upon the person of Sarah Matthews, attracted a large crowd of spectators. A number of witnesses were examined, including Mrs. Matthews herself. At the close of the examination Justice McQuigg proceeded to discharge the prisoner, justly concluding that the evidence did not tend to show that a rape had been committed.

The whole affair was simply ludicrous, and the only injury the accused suffered, besides his imprisonment, was in exposing a little private transaction which no man could desire to have brought to light. He seems sorely as much to blame in the matter as the woman—it was at her urgent solicitation that he took her to the Sound; and he seemed in no manner desirous to take her. She had promised to pay him for his trouble; and after the transaction, by her testimony, "he allowed that he was paid," and this she also "allowed," and seemed to be so thoroughly convinced of the fact that no effort to further compensate him was made. So kindly even were her feelings towards him that, on their arrival at her father's house the next morning, she graciously presided at the breakfast board and served with coffee the man who had "raped" her, and even condescended to ask if he would take "sweetening" in it. And so her indignation was not brought out until four or five days afterwards when she returned to the city, was visited by her husband, with whom she had previously quarreled, was whipped by him, told that he knew of the transaction, was made to confess and finally to prosecute for rape.

OUR CHARLOTTE CORRESPONDENCE.

Growth and Manufacture of Wool.—Its Importance.—Charlotte—Rock Island Woolen Mills.

Dear Editors:—I dislike to take my leave of Charlotte without adverting to a subject which is so closely connected with the future of North Carolina that from our present stand-point we can only see a few of the dawning rays of its glorious day. And that subject is the growth and manufacture of wool. I wish that every farmer in North Carolina could read and attentively consider the article of Prof. Blake, of Davidson College, on the subject of wool-raising. If we have a "State Agricultural Society," call on them to publish and circulate it everywhere. Our own noble little New Hanover Association might take the matter in hand and lead in the good work of circulating knowledge on the subject. It is a lamentable fact that in all North Carolina there is not a flock of sheep used for raising fine wool for market; there are only three flocks in South Carolina, while in Georgia the wool crop is second in value to the cotton. This is the result of careful inquiry, and if it is not exact, let those who know better give the public the points.

Cannot our State raise the grasses necessary to sustain sheep? Surely she can! From the mountains almost to the seaboard! The Catawba Valley and the surrounding hills in its whole length produces the "Kentucky blue grass" spontaneously, and clover can be raised in most parts of the State. "Gold grows under the hoof of the sheep," is the old Scotch proverb, and could be proven by thousands if they would but seek the necessary instruction. Why, dear editors, would you believe it, here in this little thriving city—this Atlanta of North Carolina—is a factory consuming 26,000 pounds of wool every month, and they have to buy nearly every pound of it in Northern markets, while the products are sold mostly to our own people. Ask all your farmer readers to look at it again; ask the old ladies, who are growing over their home made fabrics, if it would not be better to raise a few sheep and send the wool here to exchange for the very superior goods of this factory? Thus letting their husbands and sons appear in goods of beautiful and superior finish, at the same time enriching their lands and making them easier for their husbands and sons to work. I have a sublime confidence in the practical good sense of the women of our State. Since we have seen them tried in all the different circumstances of the late war, rising superior to all trials and afflictions, why may

we not rely on them to give their aid, yes, their labors, and more, to the cause of North Carolina the pride of this Continent.

Through the courtesy of the owners, and with a competent guide, I was escorted through the Rock Island Woolen Mills, and saw everything "from turret to foundation stone," and saw a wonderful thing, that so little was known of it in our State. The building is situated near the track of the North Carolina Railroad, four stories high, and of extensive dimensions. There is an air of strength, solidity and ability to do good hard work about every part of it, and there is hardly room for speech of the vast amount of machinery and of the various engines of every kind. In fact I think the convenience of "loafers" has not been considered by the proprietors. The upper story contains the spinners, the next lower the carders, the second floor the looms, the ground floor the finishing, folding, cleaning, &c., and the engine is in an outer room, not part of the main building, so that it might blow into a thousand fragments without materially affecting the building. 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